



Appleton Elementary School



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For Your Calendar

Apr. 8 - Book Fair Starts (it ends Apr. 26)
Apr. 11 - No School - Elementary Planning Day
Apr. 12 - No School - Conference Exchange Day
Apr. 24 - 1st grade field trip to Eureka and Canyon View Park
Apr. 24 - 6:00-8:00 BINGO Night
Apr. 25 - 4:10pm PTA in the library
Apr. 26 - Last Day for Book Fair
Apr. 29 - 5th grade tours Redlands Middle School
Apr. 30 - 5th grade Bake Sale (continues on May 1 & May 2)
May 1 - 6:00pm Kindergarten Music Program

Dear Appleton Community,

Art Night a Big Success

Our 8th annual Appleton Art Night was a big success! Thank you for attending in huge numbers. If you see **Dale Brown**, Appleton's Artist in Residence, give her a big pat on the back for the hours and hours of volunteer work she put in. Her creative genius and amazing leadership made this year's Art Night one to remember.

We also had many Appleton community volunteers like **Vanessa Bradley** who must have put a thousand student art pieces on the walls to decorate the school. Big help also came from: **Joy Zeller, Brooke Bray, Jared Johnson, Wendi Engle, Laura Hughes, Meagan Frahm, Janelle Privratsky, & April Fogarty**. We also need to shout out to local student volunteers under the leadership of **Tammie Widhammer** with FMHS and her National Art Society students and the National Honor Society at FMHS. And of course our own Appleton staff stepped up with set up, support, and cleanup. You **GUYS ROCK!**

From the moment you walk into our school, we hope you can recognize that Appleton Elementary is supportive of making art an important piece of a well rounded education. Art education is important because it develops: creativity, school engagement, improved academic performance, motor skills, perseverance, and focus. If the attendance at our Art Night is any indication of how much our Appleton community values art education you might say the Art Night at Appleton was a masterpiece. Thank you to the hundreds of you who attended **Art Night!**

Art Contest Winners:

Kindergarten

1st Place - Cooper Stanley

2nd Place - Greyson Davies

2nd Place - Billy Berguin

3rd Place - Addilyn Belden

1st Grade

1st Place - Remi Lenth

2nd Place - Addie Davies

3rd Place - Graham Hughes

2nd Grade

1st Place - Shepard Wilkins

2nd Place - Blake Nelson

3rd Place - Alice Wilkins

3rd Grade

1st Place - Finn Wilkins

2nd Place - Cooper Wallace

3rd Place - Finley Olive

4th Grade

1st Place - Kruz Simpson

2nd Place - Brieze Benton

3rd Place - Joey Bray

5th Grade

1st Place - Andelyn Bishop

2nd Place - Nora Rawlings

3rd Place - Jazmin Snow

NO SCHOOL - Thursday and Friday

Just a reminder that there is no school this Thursday, April 11 for a teacher planning day and no school on Friday, April 12 for a teacher compensation day.

Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) Testing Dates

One week down for CMAS testing and our students are putting out an excellent effort! Thank you for encouraging your 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students to try their best.

3rd grade tests - April 8,9,10

4th grade tests - April 8,9,10

5th grade tests - 9,10,16, 18,23,24

Parent Recommendations for Classroom Assignments for 2024-2025

Parent Recommendations for Classroom Assignment Forms will be available at the Appleton office starting April 1. Parent recommendations for classroom placement for 2024-2025 must be turned in to the office by Wednesday, April 30, 2024 at 4:00pm. **A completed Parent Recommendation for Classroom Assignment is not a guarantee that your child will be placed with the requested teacher.** As in past years, teachers are subject to moving to different grade levels and assignments well after requests have been made. At the time this newsletter was generated, teaching positions for next year were not 100% identified.

Warmer Temperatures and the Dress Code

We want students to be comfortable, but at the same time they need to dress in a manner that will not create a distraction, is safe, and follows the dress code. Here are a few guidelines to follow:

- Shorts and skirts should be approximately to the end of the index finger, or longer when arms are held at the sides. For shorter-styled skirts, it is suggested that shorts be worn underneath.
- Shirts and tops should be long enough to meet the top of pants and shorts.
- Spaghetti strap tops are not allowed. Straps, at the minimum, should be approximately two finger widths.
- Undershirts should not be worn as the primary shirt. If worn, undershirts should be covered by a regular shirt.

- Skate shoes (Heelys) and skateboards are not allowed at school.
- “Blowouts” on flip-flop sandals are very common. If flip-flops are to be worn, please send additional back up shoes.

Thank you for your help in ensuring your child dresses appropriately for school. When students dress in a manner that reflects the belief that school is important, a more focused atmosphere is created which helps to improve achievement.

Are You Moving?

If you are planning on moving and if your child will not be attending Appleton next year, please contact the school office. This will help us better predict the number of Transfer Requests we can approve. Thank you.

Important Dates for Next Year - 2024-2025 School Year

Parent Information Night - Thursday, Aug. 15 5:30-6:35pm

Appleton Carnival - Friday, Sept. 6 5:00-8:00pm

Spell-A-Thon - Oct. 15-Dec. 3

Art Night - Friday, Mar. 28 5:30-8:00pm

BINGO Night - Wednesday, Apr. 23 6:00-8:00pm

Go Bookworms!

Corey Hafey - Principal